

## Place Names on the Internet

### *ASU Libraries Map Collection link to Place Names on the Internet*

<http://www.asu.edu/lib/hayden/govdocs/maps/geogname.htm>

Great place to start. Web page has links to place name databases for the United States (including GNIS), selected U. S. state web sites, the World, including Getty's Online Thesaurus, selected region and country (mostly English speaking and/or European) place name sites and Planetary place names. The *Shetel Seeker* listed under World Place Names is the best search tool for places in Central and Eastern Europe.

### *Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)*

<http://geonames.usgs.gov>

The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), developed by the USGS in cooperation with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN), contains information for almost 2 *million* physical and cultural geographic features in the United States and its territories. The Federally recognized name of each feature described in the data base is identified, and references are made to a feature's location by State, county, and geographic coordinates. The GNIS is our Nation's official repository of **domestic** geographic names information

### *Getty's Online Thesaurus of Geographic Names (TGN)*

[http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting\\_research/vocabularies/tgn/](http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/tgn/)

The TGN is a structured, world-coverage vocabulary of 1.3 *million* names, including vernacular and historical names, coordinates and place types and descriptive notes focusing on places important for the study of art and architecture. Place name information is drawn from many sources such as maps, atlases, histories, etc. Search by place name, country or by place type (cemetery, farm, town, etc.)

### *Columbia Gazetteer of North America*

[www.bartleby.com/69](http://www.bartleby.com/69)

The gazetteer has 50,000 entries for North America. It gives coordinates, the 1990 census of population and a brief description of each place.